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Applicants: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No: 39780-1618P2C49
Serial No: 09/903,925 Group Art Unit: 1647
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For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC
ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 14, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed with a Petition of extension of time of three months with necessary fees. Please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. Also attached herewith are a Declaration by Paul Polakis, Ph.D., and articles by (i) Orntoft *et al.*, (ii) Hyman *et al.*, (iii) Pollack *et al.*, and (iv) Hanna and Mornin.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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